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District Programs Information Bulletin

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TO: All District Administrative Coordinators
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All District Fiscal Agents
All District Planning Council Members
All District Planning Oversight Committee Members
All District Response Task Force Commanders
All Emergency Management Directors

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Subject: District Fire Suppression Group Equipment

Purpose

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to modify the guidance concerning the District Response Task Force (DRTF) Fire Suppression Group Element. This Information Bulletin supersedes the District Response Task Force Initiative dated July of 2009.

General

This modification is a result of re-evaluation and assessment established by the feedback of DRTF stakeholders and recognition that these changes both better support the operation of a fire suppression group at a disaster and are more achievable by developing DRTFs. Formal input was provided by DRTF commanders, DRTF fire suppression group supervisors, the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association, and the State Fire Marshal's Office. All guidance contained herein should be considered a minimum standard.

Transition Period

IDHS recognizes that these modifications are not done overnight. Districts will have until December 31, 2012 to completely adopt the new guidance.

District Task Force Fire Element Equipment:

- 2-Engines (NIMS Type I)
- 1-Aerial or Ladder (NIMS Type II)
- 1-Water Tender (NIMS Type 1)
- 1-Rehabilitation Unit
- 1-Supervisor's Vehicle
- 1-ALS Ambulance

Staffing of Equipment

- Engines will be staffed with a team leader and 3 firefighters
- Aerials or ladders will be staffed with a team leader and 3 firefighters
- Water tenders will be staffed with 2 firefighters
- Rehabilitation unit is staffed with 4 appropriate personnel
- Command staff vehicle will be staffed with a supervisor and a safety officer
- Ambulance will be staffed with appropriate emergency medical staff

Other Equipment needed:

- (6) GPS units as needed to equip each vehicle
- (22) 800 MHz radios (portable)
- Portable water pump 300 GPM or greater with proper hose and adapters for operation
- Set auto extrication equipment
- A 4 cylinder cascade system with 6000 psi capacity for each cylinder
- Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) equipment

Scope

Conduct safe and effective fire suppression and limited rescue operations in support of an affected jurisdiction.

Personnel

22 total

Management Personnel

- Fire suppression group supervisor
- Safety officer
- (3) Team leaders

Tactical Personnel

(11) Firefighters

Support Personnel

- EMT-intermediate
- EMT-basic
- (4) Rehabilitation personnel

Operational Period Capability

Should be capable of conducting a 12 hour operational period

Management Personnel Training

- ICS 100-400, IS 700, IS 800
- Certified Indiana Fire Officer 1
- Indiana EMS 1st Responder
- Rapid intervention team training

Safety Officer Training

- Indiana certified safety officer
- All hazards safety officer course

Tactical Personal Training

- ICS 100 - 200, IS 700, IS 800
- Indiana firefighter 1
- Hazardous materials operations level (OSHA 1910.120)
- Indiana EMS 1st Responder
- Technical rescue awareness

Experience

All personnel must have a minimum of two years of experience

Recommended Training

- Vehicle and machinery extrication operations certification or greater
- Wildland fire awareness course

Questions

Any questions pertaining to district response task force fire element may be submitted to Don Watson, district programs specialist, donwatson@dhs.in.gov or call 317-670-3180.